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Canton joins Click It or Ticket campaign

Canton Township Police Chief Chad Baugh wants to save lives this holiday season.

That effort includes a caution to motorists, warning them they better buckle up in Canton where enforcement of the Michigan seat belt law is being strictly enforced.

According to Baugh, the Canton department has again joined forces with law enforcement agencies across Michigan in enforcing the national Click It or Ticket campaign.

Safety belt enforcement zones are conducted on Canton roadways where crash problems are prevalent or belt use is low. Portable "safety belt enforcement zone" signs alert motorists they are entering an enforcement area. One officer will serve as a spotter, radioing unbelted motorist information to other officers who will pull over the offending motorists, Baugh explained.

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"We continue to participate in the state and national campaign to encourage the motoring public to wear seat belts," Baugh said.

"In 2019, 9,466 unbuckled motorists died in crashes in the United States. We have learned from the Michigan Office of Safety Planning buckling our belts can reduce the risk of injury or death by 45 percent. Please wear your safety belts; it only takes a few seconds and helps keep you and your family safe," Baugh added.

Michigan law requires all drivers and front seat passengers to be buckled up. It also requires passengers age 8-15 to be buckled in any seating position.

Children must be in a car seat or booster seat until they are 8 years old or 4-feet, 9-inches tall, whichever comes first. In addition, children younger than age 4 must ride in the back seat if the vehicle has a back seat, unless all rear seating positions are filled with children younger than age 4.

Federal traffic safety funds support the Click It or Ticket enforcement efforts by local police agencies.

First Step, stepping up

Pandemic, holiday stress can lead to increase in domestic abuse

Julie Brown
Special Writer

The COVID-19 pandemic and holiday season can make for troublesome times as the stress of both impacts families throughout the area.

"Just because there's a pandemic doesn't mean domestic violence isn't happening," said Audriana Buchanan-Cronk, community engagement and volunteer program coordinator for First Step. "Home isn't always a safe place for everyone."

First Step was founded in 1978 to address domestic violence and sexual assaults, and operates an in-person shelter. That's remained open in the pandemic with additional health/safety protocols, and the phone help line of (734) 722-6800 is staffed around the clock.

"It also leads to lack of resources or time to contact an agency like ours," she said of the pandemic.

She doesn't have specific COVID-19 data but has seen frequency of abuse now on the rise, along with use of weapons. First Step assists some 8,000 people a year with Buchanan-Cronk noting, "Already our numbers are pretty high."

"For children, it's a very scary time right now," she said, in part without the "safe adults" at schools not assessing children who are abuse victims. She's seen some abusers use the threat of exposure to COVID-19 for power and as a means of manipulating.

Sgt. Adam Shulman of the Canton Police Department notes, "We have a very good working relationship with First Step." The agency formerly operated an office at the Canton police station, he added, emphasizing "Just know we're here to help people work through issues. Please call the police department" if there's a crime or a heated argument.

"That's what we're here to do," Shulman, a 13-year Canton police veteran, said of resolving problems by assessing situations.

Buchanan-Cronk, on the staff at First Step for about four years, explained that the current situation impacts ways to implement cooling off strategies when conflicts occur in families.

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Westland OKs new 10-year trash hauling contract

There is a big change coming to Westland beginning Jan. 1, but officials are confident residents won't notice.

A new refuse contract was approved by members of the city council during their regular meeting last week, replacing the vendor that has served the city for more than 50 years. The new 10-year contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Priority Waste based in Clinton Township at a cost of $38,449,174. Priority Waste will purchase the city-owned garbage trucks at a price of $1.6 million, the highest bid on the vehicles. That price will pay off the existing debt on the trucks, according to city officials.

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Priority Waste will replace Midwest Sanitation which has served the city since 1968 under various corporate names. Midwest had another four years on a current contract with Westland, but will voluntarily allow that to lapse to allow for the new vendor. Paul Ruthenberg, president of Midwestern Sanitation, said the company thought it best to bow out gracefully of the contract to benefit the city. Ruthenberg will continue to manage the city waste hauling account.

"When you have a 52-year relationship, there's a loyalty to that community," he said. "The city has supported the Ruthenberg family for many, many years. So, the loyalty aspect of it is very strong with my family. What ultimately happened is what's in the best interest for the City of Westland and its residents."

"It looks like there's going to be a working relationship where Paul would still be able to manage the Westland account," Wild said. "So, at the end of the day, Paul will be part of Priority and will still be managing the Westland account. That made everybody comfortable with the arrangement."

Wild said that residents should not experience any change in service or trash pick-up schedules.

"People will still use the same garbage cans that they have, the garbage will still go to the landfill in Van Buren Township, recycling will still get picked up on the same days and routes still aren't going to change. People shouldn't see any difference."

Canton - Inkster

Canton residents join international farming protest

Canton Township residents joined an international demonstration protesting new laws imposed by the Indian government restricting the rights of farmers.

The gathering in Canton last Saturday attracted hundreds of Sikh and Indian residents many brandishing signs announcing their support for the Indian farmers whom, they claim, are being threatened by the new Indian laws which strip away the rights of farmers and which will devastate farming in that country.

The protest in Canton seemed appropriate with the history of farming in the township which was, decades ago, the largest farming community in Wayne County. The Canton protest took place at Heritage Park organized by Plymouth resident Jas Sidhu, who said he was a farmer before emigrating to the U.S. and is a descendant of Indian farmers. He said the new laws are a systematic repression of human rights in India and that the new laws will destroy all farming in the country.

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Demonstrations took place in Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia as well as throughout the U.S. in support of the farmers. The new agricultural regulations deregulate crop pricing in the country, which critics and farmers claim will decimate their industry and eradicate their already meager profits. The farmers claim that the government will stop buying their grain at guaranteed prices which will lead control of pricing by corporations. The government, however, contents the new laws open the farming industry to the open market and private investment.

Among the protesters was Armrinder Grewal who said that his parents and grandparents were farmers in India. He said that the Indian government has targeted protesters in that country with tear gas and water cannons. A 5-year resident of Canton, he said he fears the Indian government will use more serious and violent action to quell the protests.

Anmol Gill, 17, and a senior at Canton High School, also attended the demonstration along with her cousins. She said she supports the protests of the Indian farmers. One of the main complaints of the Indian farmers is the failure of the government to discuss the abrupt changes in the law with them. They claim that the new laws that govern farming should have been discussed with farmers who should have had some input into legislation that could potentially destroy their ability to sell and market their crops.

Currently, farming provides for nearly 60 percent of Indian citizens' incomes.

Abuse

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"People can't use 'Oh, I have to go to the grocery store,'" she said, as public buildings like restaurants and libraries are closed. That has impacted the work of First Step, she said.

There are bright spots, too, however. More people are committing to their First Step appointments with fewer no-shows.

"They can just pick up the phone and start talking. Video and phone," said Buchanan-Cronk. Compared to 20 or 30 years ago, she sees more awareness of domestic violence issues, although some cultures discourage discussing family problems.

"Unfortunately our society often tends to victim-blame," said Buchanan-Cronk. She added men are also survivors, and domestic violence exists in the LGBT community and across socioeconomic lines.

The holiday season brings financial and spiritual stress, and she noted "Again that isolation piece can be difficult. No one's immune to violence. First Step is here for them and they're not alone."

The 24-hour phone line is the point for services for adults or children, to begin getting a personal protection order and to access the criminal justice system advocates (with local courts now meeting virtually).

Fundraising at First Step has been heavily impacted by the financial stress of the pandemic, so financial donations are appreciated. A virtual holiday shopping event promotes a call for toy donations through Dec. 14.

Craft kits are also very useful at the shelter, she said, and donations assist with food and medical needs. Buchanan-Cronk doesn't see alcohol necessarily playing a large role with additional abuse of family members currently, but the emotional, physical and financial environment have an impact.

The www.firststep-mi.org website has a wealth of information, including on becoming a volunteer at First Step. The agency, also on Facebook, has facilities in Plymouth, Wayne, Lincoln Park and Detroit.

Shulman of the Canton Police Department agrees family stress can be abated by a walk around the block. "People could do that for a cooling-off period," he said. "Obviously if there's a crime we want them to call us."

Police probe motel shootings

Police are continuing the investigation into a shooting incident last Saturday at an Inkster motel.

According to police reports, Inkster police officers and Michigan State Troopers responded to a report of gunfire at about 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Paradise Motel on Michigan Avenue in the city.

According to police reports, responding officers heard two people yelling for help from the motel. A man in his 40s and a woman in her 30s had suffered gunshot wounds and were treated and then transported to a local hospital by emergency personnel. No report on their condition was available although the wounds appeared to be non-life threatening, according to reports. Police did not release their names.

Officers said the shooting was suspected to have started as an armed robbery but that the investigation is still in the early stages and is ongoing.

Anyone with any information regarding the incident is urged to call the Inkster Police Department at (313) 563-9850.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
2020 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

The Sumpter Township Board of Review will be conducting the 2020 December Board of Review and will convene in the Sumpter Township Hall at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

December 15, 2020 at 3:30 PM

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover all clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 256-4413.

Ester Hurst, Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on the following days in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays:

Thursday, December 24, 2020
Friday, December 25, 2020
Friday, January 1, 2021

Residents who wish to pay property taxes, before the year-end, can do so up until closing at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2020.

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE.

Roger Lundberg, Clerk

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Synopsis of Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings
Members: Supervisor Pat Williams, Clerk Michael Siegrist, Treasurer Dian Slavens
Trustees: John Anthony, Sommer Foster, Anne Graham-Hudak, Steven Sneideman
Regular Meeting 07/14/2020: Synopsis: Held Public Hearing on the Liquor License Application to The Tailgate Garage. Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.
Regular Meeting 07/28/2020: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.
Regular Meeting 08/11/2020: Synopsis: Held Public Hearing on the 2020 CDBG Program Year and Annual Action Plan. Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.
Regular Meeting 08/18/2020: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.
Regular Meeting 08/25/2020: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.
Special Meeting 09/01/2020: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.
Regular Meeting 09/08/2020: Synopsis: Held Public Hearing on Millage Rates for December 1, 2020 Tax Levy. Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.
Regular Meeting 09/22/2020: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.
Special Meeting 10/06/2020: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.
Regular Meeting 10/13/2020: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.
Regular (Study Session) Meeting 10/20/2020: Synopsis: 2020 Budget discussions, revisions, and adjustments were reviewed. Canton Leisure Services update.
Regular Meeting 10/27/2020: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.

Copies of the complete Board minutes can be found for free at www.canton-mi.org. Minutes can also be viewed or copied at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI during normal business hours. Call 734-394-5120 for more information. CN2142 - 121020 2.5 x 2.519

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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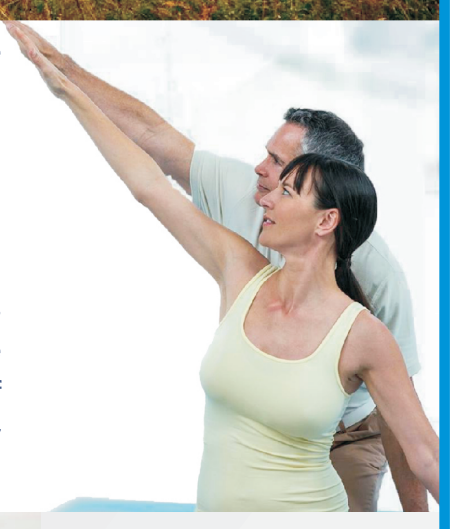

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WESTLAND

New radar speed signs installed in Westland

It is a real "sign of the times" in Westland with the recent installation of speed radar signs throughout the city.

Funding for 10 additional signs was approved by members of the city council in September using funding from the city Metro Act budget. Those funds are designated for public improvements with the city rights of way. According to officials, the installation of the signs has demonstrated a significant reduction in speeding in locations where they are visible to drivers.

The additional speed signs have been or will be installed at: Wildwood between Ford and Hunter (both northbound and southbound) due to Jaycee Park, Edison School, as well as the Mike Modano Ice Arena and Ann Arbor Trail in the area of Hubbard Street (both eastbound and westbound) due to the new subdivision which may increase vehicular traffic and also the recent removal of a red light which had been in placed at the intersection for many years.

Signs will also be installed on Cowan Road between Farmington and Millwood Street (both eastbound and westbound) due to having two separate high schools on Cowan and on Glenwood near Treadwell (westbound) due to the Schweitzer Elementary School and the school crossing on Glenwood.

Signs will be installed on Henry Ruff between Annapolis and Van Born (northbound) due to the residential area and the church along with the large curve of the roadway making speed an issue in that area and on Wildwood between Ford Road and Marquette due to the high number of speed violations and the close proximity of the houses located on the busy roadway.

Annual holiday decorating contest is now under way

The "All American Holiday Decorating Contest" began in Westland last week and will continue until midnight on Thursday, Dec. 31. Residents can visit the City of Westland website to nominate themselves or a friend in one or all of the three categories: Best Traditional Display, Most Creative Display and Over the Top Display. Nominees will be asked to enter a picture along with their submission.

"Once again, the Department of Neighborhood Services team will be out and about in neighborhoods in search of those residents who have gone the extra mile to make their homes shine this holiday season," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "We had a lot of great participation from our residents around Halloween and we are excited to see the creativity and festivity around the winter holiday."

Winners will be announced and awarded with prizes at the first council meeting of the New Year on Monday, Jan. 18.

The City of Westland was forced to cancel other holiday events due to the health restrictions of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

"In order to maintain the health and safety of our residents and employees, we will transition this year's holiday celebration to a virtual forum," Wild concluded.

2 reappointed to boards

Two reappointments to the Economic Development/Tax Increment Finance Authority/ Brownfield Redevelopment Authority were approved recently by the members of the Westland City Council.

Matthew Tyranski and Kaitlynn Riley were chosen to fill the vacant terms on the boards. Tyranski is the owner of Olympic Coney Island and has been in the community for 22 years. He and his wife are the parents of three children. He earned his business degree from Western Michigan University and was appointed to the board in July to fill an unexpired term. This new term will expire Nov. 15 of 2026.

Riley is a marketing and business coordinator for Garden City Hospital. She has spent many years volunteering in activities such as Clean-up day, Mother's Day Chocolate Events and Small Business Saturday events. She graduated from The University of Michigan with a business degree and has completed a master's program through Wayne State University Mike Illitch School of Business. Her term will expire Sept. 18, 2021.

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SECTION 00100
ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Romulus School District request's Bid Proposals for the **BP#4** Romulus Community Schools Secure Entry and Exterior Signage. Bid Proposals must be received by Building Connected, delivery or mail by December 21st, 2020 at 2:00PM at Romulus Public Schools Administration Building at 36540 Grant, Romulus MI 48174. Proposals must be sealed with the Bidder's name on the outside of the envelope and designated as follows:

Sealed Proposal
Romulus School District
Romulus Community Schools
Secure Entry and Exterior Signage
Bid Category
[Contractor Name]
[Contractor Address]
[Contractor Phone Number]

Bidder's may, but shall not be obligated to, submit bids electronically via Building Connected. If a Bidder chooses to submit an electronic bid, it assumes any and all risk related to software, connectivity, or any other issues related to the electronic bidding process. It is further recommended, but not required, that any electronic bids be submitted at least two hours before the deadline for bid submission to confirm that the bid has been timely, accurately, and completely received

A livestream bid opening will be held via livestream and a physical bid opening will still be available at the address provided above.

Link to Livestream:
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Link to project:
https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/55a1292ff1a96708004a19dc

1. Proposals shall be based on the requirements set forth in the Project Manual by Barton Malow Builders dated **November 24th, 2020** the bid set drawings issued on **November 3rd, 202**0 and the specifications manual dated **November 4th, 2020**

2. Accepted Bidders will be required, as a condition precedent to award of Contract, to furnish in the amount of 100% of the contract price, satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and Certificates of Insurance as required in the Project Manual.

3. Unless otherwise specifically set forth in Section 00880 of the Project Manual, this Project is subject to state sales and/or use taxes and Bidder is required to include such taxes in its Bid Proposal.

4. Barton Malow Builders has been contracted by the Owner in the capacity of Construction Manager for the Project, and as such has the rights and obligations set forth in its contract with the Owner for those services, and shall act as representative of the Owner to the extent required/allowed under its Owner contract.

5. Bid Proposals will be publicly opened December 21st, 2020 at 2:00pm by the Owner, evaluated by Barton Malow Builders, Owner and the Architect, with recommended awards subsequently made by Barton Malow Builders and **IDS**.

6. A pre-bid conference and site visit/tour will be held at **Wick Elementary School** 36900 Wick Rd, Romulus, MI 48174) **December 2nd, 2020 at 1:00PM.** Pre-bid conference minutes will be distributed to all who are known by Barton Malow Builders to have received contract documents, but Barton Malow Builders, Architect and Owner will not be responsible for providing information to those not attending the pre-bid conference. Information disclosed in the pre-bid conference minutes will be considered part of the Bidding and Contract Documents.

7. Bid Proposals shall be submitted as set forth in Paragraph 1, above. If you experience any issues, please reach **Jared Marinelli**, Jared.Marinelli@BartonMalow.com

8. Bid to include Bid Bond, Iran Sanctions Form, Familial Disclosure Form listed in the shared folder.

9. The successful Bidder(s) will be required to enter into an agreement with **Owner** on the Agreement Form identified in Section 00500 of the Project Manual.

10. The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities or irregularities therein is reserved by the Owner.

11. All Bid Proposals shall be accompanied by the sworn statement included in Section 00410 of the Project Manual, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the Bidder and any member of the Board of Trustees or the Superintendent of Schools. Bid Proposals that do not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement shall not be accepted.

BARTON MALOW BUILDERS

END OF SECTION 00100

Romulus

Romulus library offering contact-free services

The Romulus Library is now reopening to the public and offering contact-free services including computer use by appointment and quick business tasks like faxing, copying and printing. Visitors can renew their library cards, apply for new cards and pick up items on hold inside the facility, noted Assistant Director Youth Services Librarian Jessica Wilhoite.

Curbside services are still available for those who prefer them, she said.

Browsing the collection, study tables, seating, and the meeting room are not available. The Children's Area is also closed at this time.

"Our top priority is the health and safety of the community, our patrons, and our staff. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the library is providing services with guidelines in place," Wilhoite said in a prepared statement: Those guidelines include a 60-minute limit on time in the building to maintain limited occupancy and face masks are required for all patrons and staff at all times. Wilhoite said the staff could provide a mask to those who do not have one and stressed that the masks must be worn over the nose and mouth.

The 6-foot social distancing rule will be in effect and capacity limits will be in place.

"Do not enter the building if you are sick or have been in contact with someone who is sick. If you have been sick or have been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days, do not enter the library," Wilhoite cautioned.

Frequent cleaning of high touch points in the library are completed throughout the day and public computers will be cleaned after each use. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance and throughout the library, she added.

Plexiglas barriers are in place at service points and no food or drinks are allowed in the library.

Wilhoite said that the safety policies will help the library to expand in-person services. Updates are available on the library website and Facebook page.

Patrons can make an appointment to use a library computer online at https://calendly.com/romulus_computer_appt/computer-appointment or on the library website, by phone at (734) 942-7589 and by romuluspubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Helping hands

The Romulus Senior Center, with help from Focus: Hope, distributed more than 200 bags of food last week to those in need in the community. Food distributions take place at the Romulus Senior Center starting at 9:30 a.m. and continuing until food has run out on the third Thursday of every month. The next distribution is Thursday, Dec. 17.

Shooting investigation continues

The fatal shooting of a 28-year-old man in Romulus last week remains under investigation, according to Romulus police.

The unidentified man suffered a fatal gunshot wound to the head Dec. 1, according to police reports. Romulus police were called to a home in the 15000 block of Taft near Eureka and Middlebelt Road at about 9:20 p.m. in response to a report of shots being fired. Responding officers entered the home and discovered the victim, dead from the head wound. Another Romulus officer, on routine patrol in the neighborhood reported observing a 2020 Mitsubishi Outlander speeding through the subdivision at about the time of the incident. According to police reports, the offices attempted to make a traffic stop of the vehicle, which was initially stopped by the driver, but sped away as the officer approached from the squad car.

Romulus police and Michigan State Police troopers pursued the vehicle at high speeds through the city of Hamtramck until the occupant ran from the vehicle near the 13000 block of St. Louis near Mt. Elliott and McNichols on Detroit's east side.

Romulus police are asking the public for any information regarding the shooting death or subsequent vehicle pursuit. Information can be referred to the police department at (734) 941-8400.

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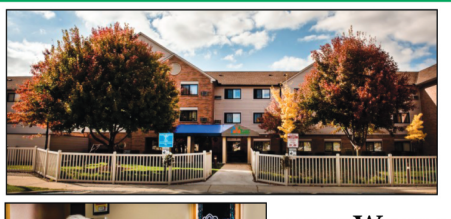
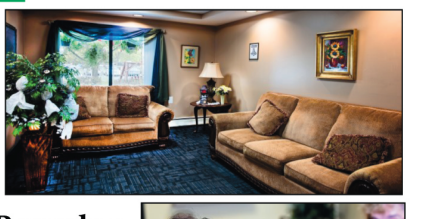

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Noon Rotary Club honors Officers of the Year

Overcoming severe obstacles is nothing unusual for the five men honored by the members of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club last week. A decades-long tradition, the club members honored outstanding Public Service Officers from both the city and the township during a special awards presentation during their virtual meeting.

Club members officially presented the annual Public Safety Officers of the Year awards Dec. 4 and honored the Police Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year for each municipality along with the Paramedic of the Year for Huron Valley Ambulance

"Today, we recognize the best of the best in our community," said Plymouth Rotary President John Buzuvis. "We are so fortunate that our first responders work together without regard to what the patch on their arm says. Today, we recognize all the first responders, not just the award winners."

Huron Valley Ambulance Operations Manager Andy Savage introduced Senior Paramedic and Field Training Officer Eric Farris as Paramedic of the Year. Farris joined HVA as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) in January of 2014. He progressed to become a senior medic within a year, which Savage said is unusual and impressive. Savage described an incident in which Farris and his partner were assisting a diabetic patient. During the call, his partner suffered a severe asthma attack, leaving Farris to treat both patients in the situation.

Dave Allstaedt is the City of Plymouth Firefighter of the Year. Northville Fire Chief Steve Ott said, "Dave is the kind of person who has good ideas and follows through on them. He exemplifies the dedication that this position requires." Allstaedt is a field training officer (FTO) and has attended HazMat and countless other types of training. He was instrumental in providing a recent fire academy in the city. The cities of Northville and Plymouth are served by a combined fire department.

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The Plymouth Township Firefighter of the Year is Ian Culver. Culver has been with the department for seven years. Fire Chief Dan Phillips said Culver is a dedicated professional who excels at learning all the equipment and then teaching new firefighters. Phillips told on an incident in which Culver was on the scene and a patient was having difficulty breathing due to a pneumothorax. Culver performed a needle compression to release air from the patient's chest, enabling him to breathe better.

"He performed it at night, on the side of railroad tracks with a combative patient," said Phillips.

Detective Jay Miller is the Plymouth Police Officer of the Year. Miller has been a member of the department since 2013. In 2019, he received the highest score among those testing for a detective position.

"Jay represents the department very well," said Director of Public Safety Al Cox. "Recently, he worked on a case and found records dating back 50 years - records that weren't readily available and were instrumental in helping the prosecutor win a conviction." Miller is a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) member who helps to secure mental health services for individuals in need of it.

The Plymouth Township Police Officer of the Year is Det. Sgt. Bill Fetner, who has been with the department since 1995. He was promoted to sergeant in 2014 and became a detective in 2015. "Sergeant Fetner is receiving this honor for his overall leadership and dedication to the department, and for training three new detectives," said Lieutenant Jon Brothers.

The Public Safety Awards Program is one of several annual special programs of the Rotary Club of Plymouth. Members meet weekly at noon Fridays.

Fee for documents could be $222,000

If Tom Parrelley wants his recent request for documents from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district satisfied, he needs to come up with nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

Parrelley, of Plymouth, filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request with the district asking for a wide range of documents on which school board members based their decision to close school buildings and offer full online education to students. The decision, according to school officials, was in response to the recent advice from the Michigan Department of Health and followed the safety procedures necessary to protect students and staff members in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

At the time of the decision, Superintendent of Schools Monica Merritt said that no matter what the board members opted to do, "someone was going to be unhappy."

Parrelley expressed his concern with the FOIA request last month. In response, he received a letter with an estimated cost of $222,458.50 for researching, producing and copying the documents as requested.

Parrelley reportedly requested "what science and what facts were used and are continuing to be used" regarding the decision. The response letter from the school district also advised him that half the fee would half to be paid before any work could commence on his request.

Parrelley recently told media sources that fee was beyond his budget.

"I don't have a quarter of a million dollars. I checked the lottery numbers and I have not come through on them yet, which is my next best deal," he was quoted as saying.

In a prepared statement, the school district said that every Freedom of Information request received is taken seriously. "In this particular matter, the request captured an extremely broad range of potential keyword searches and covered an unbounded timeframe. These features combined to indicate that the district would likely be required to review and redact literally thousands upon thousands of potentially responsive documents."

Parrelley said he is considering submitting a revised FOIA request asking for more specific documents or the option of taking legal action regarding his original request.

Walk of Trees

Denice and Eunice Austin add an ornament to the Compassionate Friends memory tree in Kellogg Park as part of the Walk of Trees which annually fills the park with Christmas trees decorated in memory of departed loved ones. The trees attract hundreds of visitors to the park every year and are decorated for the holidays in remembrance of family members and friends.

Photos by Sean Rhaesa

Northville Salem Hills Golf Course will reopen in spring

Salem Hills Golf Club will be open next year.

While the ownership may change, the 6,992-yard, par-72 course will remain open to golfers no matter what the status of the pending sale of the facility.

Co-owner of the course, Veronica Godwin, said that a purchase agreement for the business had been reached recently and that the potential buyers are performing due diligence. She said that the buyers had agreed that the land 57-year-old site would remain a golf course, a condition of the sales agreement. Salem Hills originally opened in 1963 and has been a popular course for area golfers under the ownership of Frank and Veronica Godwin. The couple also owned what is now Walnut Creek Country club in South Lyon from 1969 until 1088 and Marion Oaks Golf club in Howell from 1990 until 2003.

Godwin said that should the pending deal fall through, the course would open under the current ownership next spring and all commitments to leagues would be satisfied. An announcement last fall that the course might close due to the aging infrastructure prompted several offers from potential buyers for the Six Mile Road site. A condition the Godwins' imposed on the sale at the time of the announcement was the continuance of the golf course at the site.

The couple said they planned to close the facility at the end of October, but have changed their plans in light of the pending sale agreement.

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Belleville - Wayne

Outdoor dining permits extended until March 3

Members of the Wayne City Council agreed last week to an extension of outdoor dining permits for local restaurants through March 3, in an effort to help local restaurants weather the current pandemic restrictions.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services closed indoor dining until at least yesterday, an order that was expected to be extended in light of the thousands of new cases of COVID-19 being reported weekly across the state.

> *We need to be bending over backwards for our businesses now.*

Wayne Director of Community Development and Planning Lori Gouin told the members of the city council that she suspected the ban on indoor dining could be extended throughout the winder. "It probably would be best for us to ask you to reinstate the guidelines for outdoor dining and retail sales," she said at the meeting. An extension into streets and parking areas could provide 25 to 50 percent more capacity for restaurants, she said. Under the new rules adopted unanimously by members of the city council, Wayne retailers could also use spaces outside their locations.

Mayor Pro tem Tom Porter suggested that the city follow state guidelines and allow the expanded outdoor dining to expire when the state lifted the indoor ban.

"We need to be bending over backwards for our businesses now," he said. "I just wanted to find a way to tie it to a time where we don't have to worry about."

Gouin said allowing outdoor dining throughout the winter will allow greater capacity for restaurants, even when the ban on indoor dining is lifted by the state.

"There are some restaurants that probably will continue to have outdoor dining just for the simple fact that people don't feel comfortable crowded inside and it gives them extra capacity," she said.

Plymouth is among the several area communities which have relaxed their rules when it comes to dining during the winter months because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Northville is currently offering a Heat in the Street Program promoted by the Downtown Development Authority and Chamber of Commerce to promote outdoor dining and shopping.

Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Belleville members have been busy throughout the community as the holidays approach. During the last month, the club members have participated in bell ringing for the Salvation Army; provided 100 new winter coats to Belleville school students in all grades, delivered 2500 reusable water bottles to the school district and funded badly needed reroofing of the Victory Park gazebo. More recently, the group has been installing decorations including holiday lights and a tree at the gazebo. Above, Rotarians bell ringing for the Salvation Army in front of Walmart included Rachel Kozlowski, left, Corrine Flynn, and Dr. John MacDermid. Below, Rotarian Debra McWilliams, left, Van Buren Public Schools administrative assistant to the superintendent and Angela Mercer, student services administrative assistant, sort coats for the giveaway. Club meetings take place by Zoom at 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Those interested in attending a meeting can go to the Rotary website, www.bellevillerotary.org, click on "Contact Us" and indicate their interest.

Warm welcome

The Wayne Fire Department welcomed newest firefighter Kevin Pietrasinski when he officially earned his badge and joined the department Dec. 3 following a probationary training period. Pietrasinski is a certified Paramedic and Engine Operator and will serve on regular calls along with the 16-member full-time fire department staff.

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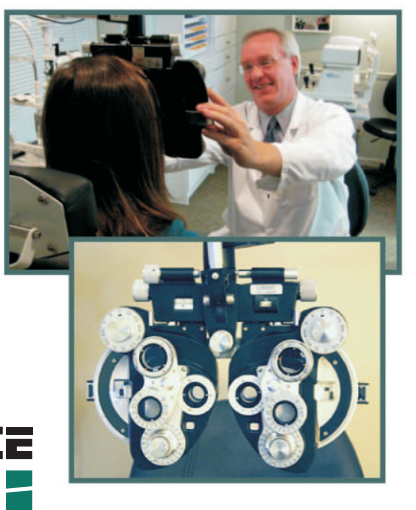

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